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City Rejects Request By LHU Fraternity

LOCK HAVEN — City council last night rejected a request by the attorney for Alpha Chi Rho fraternity to reduce a demolition lien on the Theodore Blazina property at 351 E. Main St.

The property adjoins the Dr. Frederick Vairo property at 350 E. Water St. that the Lock Haven University fraternity hopes to purchase.

Its plans were put on hold earlier this year when it was discovered that the property is not big enough to accommodate the number of parking spaces required by city ordinance.

Attorney Charles R. Rosamilia Jr. said purchase of the Blazina lot would solve the fraternity's parking problem. The house on the property was demolished by the city two years ago with money provided by the state Department of Environmental Resources. After the house was torn down, the city placed a \$3,900 lien on the property.

The demolition lien is in addition to liens of \$1,400 for back taxes, \$100 for water and sewer bills, and \$2,000 from

the state Welfare Department.

Rosamilia said the Welfare Department has agreed to release its lien for \$100. He said the fraternity is willing to pay \$2,500 to cover the \$5,500 lien total.

There has been no interest in the lot, he said, because the amount of the liens is greater than the value of the land, which is half of the size of a standard city lot.

"The question is: is city council interested in getting the land back on the tax rolls?" Rosamilia asked.

He said the \$2,500 would cover back taxes, the water and sewer bills, and \$900 of the demolition lien.

City Manager Frank L. Taggart said the council tried to get its money back two years ago by bringing interested adjoining property owners and the Blazina family together. One of those neighbors, Janet Zbicki, told council she is still interested in the Blazina property.

Several neighbors protesting the fraternity's plans asked if the city would accept bids on the property. Taggart noted that the land is still owned by the Blazina family, and the city has no legal ability to discuss the sale of the property.

A representative of the family said all offers would be listened to.

Robert Helbley asked if the council would consider requests from others to reduce the liens.

Ernest Kerstetter asked the council to consider tax revenue it would lose by granting the request that would enable the fraternity to go ahead with its plans. The fraternity would lower property values in the surrounding neighborhood, he said.

Taggart said, however, that city solicitor Larry Coploff noted in 1984 that the only time lien reduction is mentioned in state law is in connection with bankruptcy proceedings.

Councilwoman June L. Houser said she would vote to reduce the lien to get the property back on the tax rolls. But when it came time to vote, only Councilman Scott A. Smith went along with her.

On another real estate matter, the council gave preliminary approval to an ordinance brining the city into compliance with changes in the state law governing the real estate transfer tax.

The change is expected to increase state revenue by \$20 million, city solicitor J. Michael Williamson said, but will apply rarely in Lock Haven.



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LHU Fraternity Asks Not To Be Prejudged

LOCK HAVEN — Alpha Chi Rho should not be judged by other fraternities that have caused problems in Lock Haven, says Rocco Pallotto, secretary of the fraternity.

Alpha Chi Rho is one of the newest fraternities on the Lock Haven University campus, and one of the few that does not own a house.

The fraternity is trying to purchase the Dr. Frederick Vairo house at 350 E. Water St. The house is next to the Lock Haven Area Jaycee Hall.

After meeting with community opposition at recent meetings, members of the fraternity say neighbors should take into consideration the community service of the fraternity and judge it on

an individual basis, rather than stereotyping all fraternities.

"We have never been in trouble with the school or community," Pallotto said, "with the exception of selling tickets door-to-door in the dormitories and not realizing it was prohibited.

"We have never held open parties, and do not plan to once we get a house," Pallotto said.

Alpha Chi Rho brothers have collected clothes for the Salvation Army, painted the S.P.C.A. fence, planted flowers at the old fountain area, raked lawns, aided people during the flood warning evacuation, sold apple butter for the Lock Haven Area Jaycees and provided Halloween activities for elementary schools.

"We just wish that we would be viewed individually, not as just another fraternity," Pallotto commented.



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Earning Respect

While Lock Haven residents should be welcoming the return of students to Lock Haven University, they cannot help but be apprehensive for another seasonal round of loud parties and property damage. It happens every year.

There is a strong sense of mixed emotions for many city residents with the start-up of classes at the university.

On the plus side, there remains the economic and educational importance to the community and the county. The university ranks as a major "industry."

On the minus side lies the fact that the young people are visitors to the community who tend to disregard the rights of permanent residents. The frustration of property owners stems from the university's refusal to be responsible for the actions of off-campus students, namely fraternity house residents, and what has been referred to *The Express* as a lack of response to complaints by city residents about partying, public urination on townspeople's properties, vandalism and other problems.

Every year, fraternity officials start out by trying to establish good relationships with their neighbors. The alliance is shaky at best, and usually by the end of the fall semester the students and their neighbors are at odds.

The situation is made more difficult by the fact that fraternity members and other university students contribute much to the community. They raise money for charities, help the elderly and volunteer their services in times of emergencies.

Whenever plans for student housing are mentioned, people get the "nimby" syndrome — not in my backyard. There is a sense that Lock Haven residents like having the benefits of the univer-

sity as long as they don't have to live with students in their neighborhood.

The sad fact is, however, that students have not set a good precedent. September's hope turns into November's reality for residents of West Main Street and other areas of the city.

Those who have made their homes here should not be subjected to vandalism, vociferation and vulgarity from people who are "just passing through."

If the students themselves won't act more responsibly, then either the university, the city or the state Liquor Control Board must do something to protect private property.

Fraternities often say it is not their members, but guests who cause most of the problems. If that is the case, new policies must be looked at to stop the flow of beer that attracts so many young people and results in so much of the trouble.

Take the case of a new LHU fraternity, Alpha Chi Rho, that would like to move into a house at 350 E. Water St., but has met with neighborhood opposition. The same type of opposition defeated the fraternity's plans to move into a house on South Fairview Street.

The members cite a long list of community service projects, and say they should be judged as individuals, but the only thing neighbors have to base their opinions on is the behavior of other fraternities in town.

Community service is wonderful, but good citizenship is more important to neighbors who don't want to hear how much money was raised for charity while a loud party is raging at 3 a.m. and a young person is urinating in their flower bed.

If students want to be welcomed and respected by Lock Haven residents, they have to earn it.



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Thanks, Brothers

To The Editor:

On behalf of the board of directors and staff of the Infant Development Program, we would like to thank the members of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity for the professional manner in which they conducted the Ride for Elicia campaign. We also want to express our gratitude to the community for their support of this project.

The fund-raiser grossed almost \$6,000 which will be used by I.D.P. to purchase a computer for Elicia who is learning the skills necessary to use it.

We were especially impressed with the decorum of the brothers, both during the planning stages and at the Triangle Park event. Special thanks also to the Alpha Chi Rho advisor, Dolan Evanovich for his dedication and commitment to this project.

CATHY TECHMNASKI-HOFFMAN

Executive Director

VICKIE C. DODDS

Social Worker

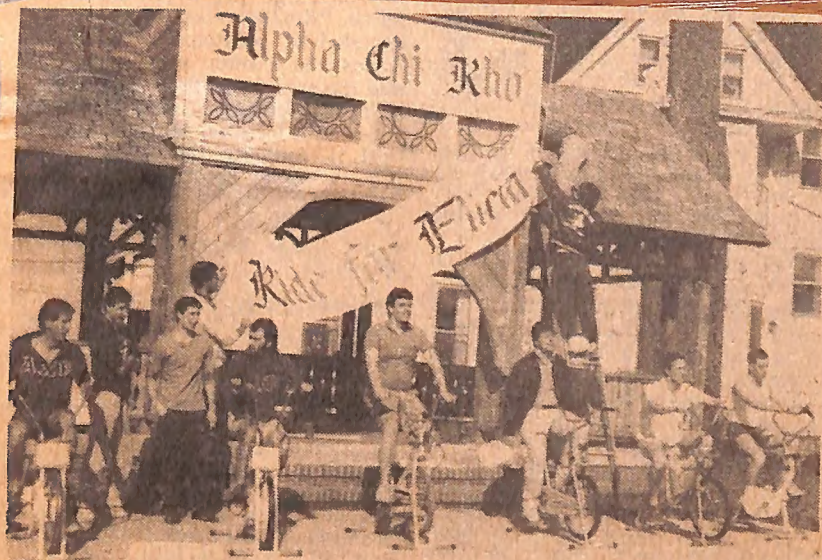


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RIDE FOR ELICIA — The brothers of Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity at Lock Haven University raised \$5,984 in pledges with their Ride for Elicia fund-raiser on April 11. They surpassed their goal of \$5,000 toward a computer for Elicia, a Flemington preschooler who suffers from cerebral palsy. The computer will help the 2½-year-old communicate using her eye muscles. The brothers in the foreground are, from left, Scott Campbell, John Widl, Ken Nickels, Rocco Pallotto, Robb Conner, Stanley Tools, John Fluharty, and

Chris Raup. Hanging the sign are Chris Kowalewski on the left and Joe Haley on the ground, Al Yocca on the ladder and Ron Stetler on the roof at the right. Dolan Evanovich is the fraternity's advisor. The brothers are currently collecting donations from all those who pledged.

(ExpressPhoto)

Pa. Lottery

The winning number Friday in the Pennsylvania Daily Number was 3-4-8. The winning numbers Friday in the Pennsylvania Lotto game were 32, 24, 14, 36, 03 and 5. The alternate number was 27.

The First Time

We shall not cease from exploration

And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first
time.

T. S. Eliot

For Elicia

The Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity of Lock Haven University plans to raise \$5,000 to help Elicia, a Flemington youngster who is suffering from cerebral palsy. The brothers will be riding stationary bikes at the gazebo in Triangle park April 11 and will be soliciting pledges for their effort in Lock Haven this Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. You'll be able to identify the young men by the Greek letters "AXP" on their sweatshirts and sweaters. Please, if you can, give generously.

Quotable

"We all have a certain friend that when we get together, we act a little bit crazy. . . . But, given the right circumstances, particularly if you have two people who are inclined to sadism, you could have a situation where they could do horrible things together." — James Alan Fox, a Northeastern University criminologist, commenting upon the discovery of three starved and tortured women chained in a basement of a Philadelphia house, and the two inhabitants' arrest for murder, kidnapping and other crimes.

"Little Shop of Horrors" wins Alpha Chi Rho first place

By Tara K. Anzardo

Eagle Eye Reporter

The University's annual homecoming parade was celebrated on October 21. Three floats were awarded for the originality of their designs.

Alpha Chi Rho was awarded first prize for their floats. The theme of their float was "Little Shop of Horrors." Sigma Sigma Sigma won second place with their float of

"Annie." Gross Hall, North Hall, and McEntire Hall worked together in creating their float of "Anything Goes" which was awarded third place.

The first place winner received \$100, second place was awarded \$75, and third place won \$50.

The judges for the homecoming parade were Nancy Panko, Peter Mellen, Denise Warner, Dennis Strouse, and Dr. Linda Koch. Panko said "there is a lot of talent on campus and the floats seem to be getting

better and better each year."

Each of the residents halls, fraternities and sororities participated in the parade. The themes of the floats were based on musical productions. Strouse said the creativity of the floats was much better this year and he had a fun time at homecoming.

Dr. Ken Cox and Steve Fisher were the honorary grand marshals for this year's homecoming.

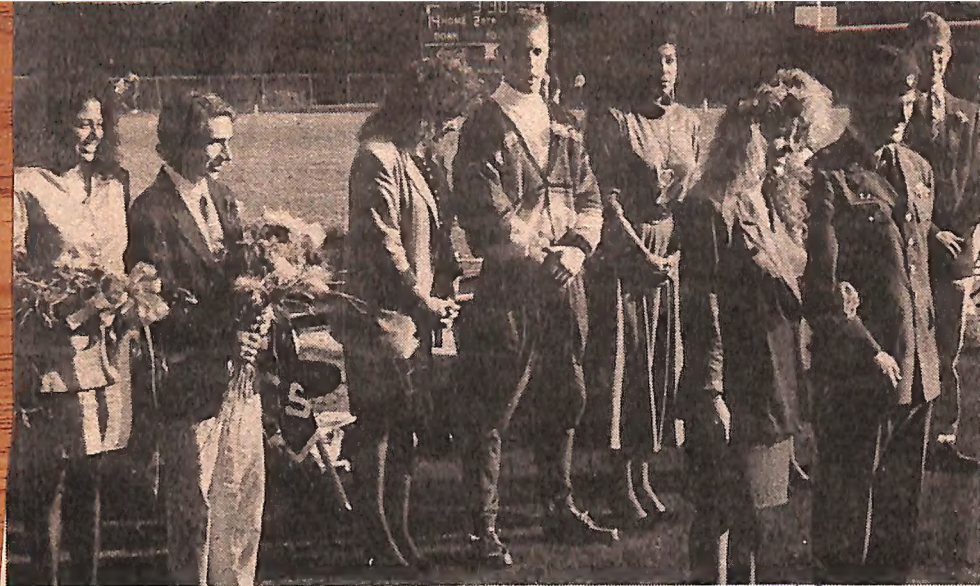


The Alpha Chi Rho fraternity awarded first place for their float titled "The Little Shop of Horror" (Photo by Cory Marshall).

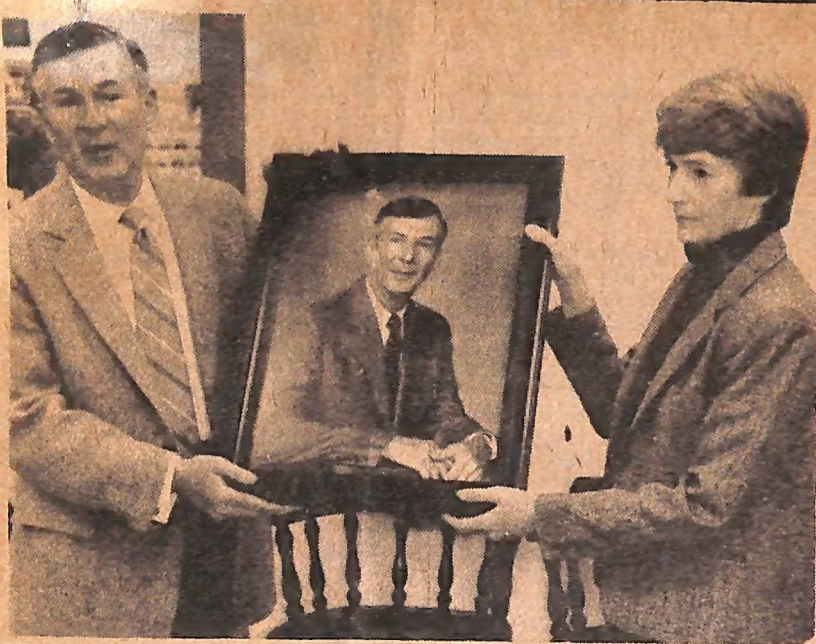
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Zeta Tau Alpha would like to congratulate all
of the groups that participated in Yell like Hell
and who had floats in the Homecoming Parade.
Especially to Alpha Chi Rho for winning Yell
like Hell and having the number one float!
Way to go Crow!

Lock Haven



Homecoming Court, left to right: Priya Dayananda, Jeff Huckel, Lori Foltz, Neil Emory, Vicki Lopez, Homecoming Queen Michelle Kline, Homecoming King Jeremy Trout, Travis Bicher (Photo by David Beahm). Not pictured Rich Long.



PRESENTS PORTRAIT — Former Lock Haven Mayor William R. Eisemann presents his portrait to his successor, Diann H. Stuempfle, during last night's city council meeting. Eisemann's portrait will join the gallery of pictures of all the other mayors who served Lock Haven. The pictures will be moved from the first

floor hallway in city hall to the council chambers. The former mayor said he misses city government, and a couple of times last night was set to vote on issues. He admitted that he still gets a "twinge" when he goes to city hall and sees he doesn't have a mail box any more.

(Expressphoto)

City Says Part Of Zoning Law Invalid

LOCK HAVEN — As a result of a challenge by Dr. Edward Hoberman, 131 S. Fairview St., to the section of the city zoning law dealing with fraternities, city council last night declared that section invalid and will begin work on an amendment.

Hoberman, in asking the council for a curative amendment to the zoning law, said the law is exclusionary, because it allows fraternities in only three percent

of the city.

The doctor also said the law is unconstitutional in dealing with fraternities because it singles out students from Lock Haven University. There is nothing in the law to prevent a group of students from Penn State, Lycoming or any other college from coming to Lock Haven to establish a fraternity.

Assistant city solicitor Larry Coploff, in a letter to the council, agreed with Hoberman's contention that the law is constitutional as it pertains to fraternities.

Dr. Hoberman, the father of Councilman Alfred E. Hoberman, has been trying for more than a year to sell his large house to Alpha Chi Rho fraternity of Lock Haven University.

After a month-long battle last March before the city planning commission and zoning hearing board, conversion of the house was approved. Residents of South Fairview Street appealed the decision, and it was overturned by a Common Pleas Court judge in Bloomsburg recently.

Councilman Hoberman dismissed himself from all discussion and any votes on the matter.

Mayor Diann H. Stuempfle welcomed a group of 14 students from near Hamburg, West Germany, to the council meeting. The students will be visiting Lock Haven High School until the end of April. In June, students from Lock Haven will go to Hamburg.

The mayor presented group chaperone Hannah Schieck with a copy of the book "Historic Lock Haven."

"We hope that on your return to Germany you will take with you a wonderful excitement resulting from your experiences in the U.S.A. and many fond memories which expand your knowledge about the U.S.A., Pennsylvania and the City of Lock Haven," Mrs. Stuempfle.

The mayor also learned the correct pronunciation of her name in German, but said she would stick with the Americanized "stem-flee" because that is hard enough for most people to pronounce.

The city also received the portrait of former Mayor William R. Eisemann, and announced that the gallery of mayors' portraits, now hanging in the hallway at city hall, will be moved to the council chambers.

Eisemann said he misses council meetings and "a couple of times tonight I almost voted."

The former mayor admitted he still gets a "twinge" every time he comes into city hall and sees that he doesn't have a mail box there anymore.

In council business, the city sold 75.5 acres of watershed land in Greene Township to Bernard Rell, 252 Allegheny St., Jersey Shore, for \$22,746. Rell was the highest of five bidders on the land, which slopes away from the Rosecrans reservoir.

Public Works Director Richard C. Ardnor said the City Authority has been trying to put that land back on the tax rolls in Greene Township for years.

In selling the land, the city reserved oil and gas rights beneath it, a practice

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Councilman Hoberman described as common in many sections of the country.

Proceeds will go to the City Authority for capital improvements to the water system, Ardner said.

The council received bids for a police car from Bill MacIntyre Chevrolet and Don Spangler Ford, both of Lock Haven. The bid will be awarded May 6.

Bids will be opened May 6 on material to replace a four-inch water line on West Church Street with six-inch line. This year, Ardner said, the city will replace the line from Bellefonte Avenue to Fourth Street.

The street repair program was given final approval and a contract awarded to Lee Bowman Asphalt of Mill Hall for \$26,501. The program includes Campus View Road and Morningside Drive in Sunset Pines, Glenn Road, Hood Street and Prospect Alley.



RUNS WRITE-IN — Lock Haven City Council was faced with a vacant seat in the upcoming election with only three announced candidates for four available seats, but Jerome "Bud" Decker, 462 S. Fairview St., told The Express Monday that he intends to run a sticker campaign in the Republican primary for the final available position. Decker is retired, and worked as a car salesman. The other announced candidates are incumbent Republicans Alfred E. Hoberman and June L. Houser, and Democrat Scott Smith. A fifth council seat may be vacant because Councilman Cambridge G. Beers Jr. has announced his intention to run for city treasurer on a write-in campaign.

Final approval was given to the treasurer's salary for 1986 to 1989, dropping the amount the treasurer would have received collecting taxes for Clinton County from city residents.

The county's decision to use its own treasurer to collect taxes in the city will cut the city treasurer's salary by \$5,000 in 1986, \$5,200 in 1987, \$5,400 in 1988 and \$5,600 in 1989. The total salary will be \$20,000 in 1986, \$20,800 in 1987, \$21,600 in 1988 and \$22,400 in 1989.

Councilman Cambridge G. Beers Jr. abstained from voting because he is running a write-in campaign for the position.

City Manager Frank L. Taggart announced that the Civil Service Commission will meet tomorrow to establish a testing date for a code enforcement officer. The position will be advertised as soon as the testing date is set, he said.

The manager announced the resignation of water office clerk Sharon Walker, and the council voted to replace her with a part-time employee 35 hours a week. Taggart said that move will save the city about \$4,000 a year.

The council gave preliminary approval to an ordinance giving part-time non-union employees the same package of reduced benefits part-time union workers get.

The council accepted the resignation of zoning hearing board chairman Martha Riegel Smith, who is leaving the area to take a job in Harrisburg.

An amended grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for work at the Piper Memorial Airport was approved. It changes the total from \$206,100 to \$218,835.

The north end of Grove Street, from Water Street to the river, will be closed April 27 for the annual RAM run, sponsored by WBPZ radio and the U.S. Army.

The mayor announced that city representatives met with Lear Siegler, Inc., representative Lowell E. Wilson April 10 and representatives of the George Ruckle investment group interested in the Piper complex April 4.

Mrs. Stuempfle said as many people as possible should attend a public forum on Lear Siegler's offer of the plant Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the county commissioners' meeting.

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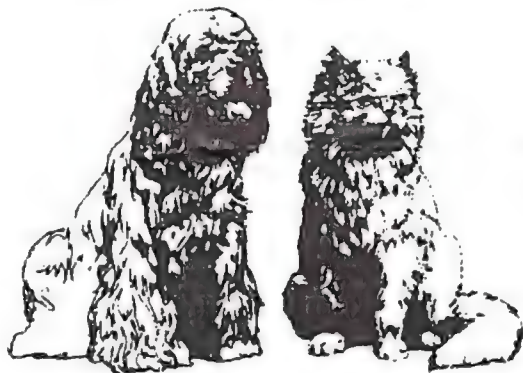
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On October 27, members of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity and their little sisters from the Lock Haven University spent the afternoon assisting McGhee School with their Halloween party. The L.H.U. students helped the children with their costumes, organized games and provided treats for each child. We would like to publically thank them for their services. It made our Halloween day extra enjoyable.

McGhee Elementary
School Faculty

CLINTON COUNTY S.P.C.A.



**We speak for those who
cannot speak for themselves.**

Thank you for volunteering your
time to help with the Clinton County
SPCA's Dinner Dance Auction. Your
assistance helped make the evening
a huge success.

Clinton County SPCA
Board of Directors

Volunteers Turn Out in Full Force For Lock Haven Community Day

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sets into and out of the playhouse.

Paul Walison, a member of the Millbrook board of directors, said the volunteers are very important to the playhouse's operation.

"With our limited budget, we rely on volunteers," Walison said.

Board President Don Woodhouse added that it gives people a chance to see the playhouse, which is preparing to open its season June 17 with a presentation of "Oklahoma."

At the Ross Library, representatives of Alpha Chi Rho and the Lock Haven Kiwanis boxed books for the upcoming book sale and painted the walls of the children's library.

More painting was going on at the YMCA offices, where volunteers from the Lock Haven University Rotaract Club were at work, while at the Red Cross office, Alpha Kappa Psi members were painting and cleaning.

Both the Lock Haven Junior Jaycees and Alpha Sigma Tau helped with cleaning at Hori-

zon House, while the Lock Haven Rotary Club volunteered its time for the benefit of the Clinton County Women's Center. Activities will continue this week, according to Boileau.

She said all 320 Dickey Elementary students will help to clean up nearby Kistler Playground and the adjacent parking lot Wednesday.

Next Saturday, volunteers will tackle clean-up projects at Triangle Park, downtown Lock Haven, Hanna Park and William T. Piper Memorial Airport, Boileau said.



ALPHA CHI RHO FRATERNITY BROTHERS BOX BOOKS AT THE ROSS LIBRARY
... from left, they are Mike Piaskowski, Joe Deible and Ryan Reichenbach

DAN ADAMS/Sun-Gazette

"No one can be un-
spring"

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Clinton County Prison Book Drive

By Leif Eddy

On December 1, 1998, Professor Lenny Long and three very dedicated students began organizing a community book drive.

Rachel Park, Marc Kaminetsky and Leif Eddy volunteered a total of forty hours during the book drive. After many meetings and much plan-

ning, Rachel, Mark, and myself distributed approximately 200 bags which were donated to us by the University Book Store.

On Friday, February 26, approximately 350 books were collected with the help of few other recreation volunteers. The book drive was a success and the warden of the

prison was very pleased.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and supported our cause. Your help was greatly appreciated. Most of all, I would like to thank Alpha Chi Rho fraternity for their donation of



September 11, 1989

Dear Neighbor,

As another academic year begins, we, the Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho, would like to offer you our fullest cooperation as neighbors. We enjoy being members of this community and want to maintain a good relationship with you. If you need our assistance for anything whatsoever, please contact us at 748-9441. Ask for President Stan Kratzer or Vice-President Jeff Mikula. Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho
Phi Mu Chi Chapter

*Infant Development Program, Inc.,
426 West Church Street
Lock Haven, PA 17745
717-748-3928*

July 27, 1987

Mr. Jim Spencer
Alpha Chi Rho
109 Oxford Way
Neptune, NJ 07753

Dear Mr. Spencer:

April of this year the Alpha Chi Rho Chapter from Lock Haven University sponsored a fund raiser for a 2½ year old child in our Program who is disabled because of a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy. The brothers held a Bike-a-Thon to raise funds to purchase a computer. The event was called "A Ride For Elicia".

Lock Haven is a rural community in Central Pennsylvania with a high unemployment rate. As the Executive Director I was elated when the brothers were able to raise approximately \$6,000. This amount may not seem large compared to a University such as Penn State but to raise that amount in this community is an achievement that was not easy to acquire.

The young men worked diligently to make the event a success. Their endeavors will enable a child to eventually communicate through the use of the latest technology. Their commitment touches many lives thus bringing tremendous joy to all involved.

I am writing to ask that if there is any national recognition available to fraternities, that this chapter be considered. I believe that these young men are excellent representatives of what can be done in a community with limited resources and their dedication should be recognized.

If any additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Techmanski-Hoffman

Cathy Techmanski-Hoffman
Executive Director

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cc: Dolan Evanovich